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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

COLUMBIA

NEW HAMPSHIRE



FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15

1920



Colebrook Sentinel Print

TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen

ERWIN FITTS

A. B. FRIZZELL

LYNN M. GRAY

Town Clerk

GARDNER R. WOODARD

Town Treasurer

GARDNER R. WOODARD

Collector of Taxes

AUSTIN GRAY

Highway Agents

IRVING A. FRENCH

JOHN R. JACKSON

CARL KEACH

Librarian

MAY LUEY

Board of Health

WILLIAM E. CONE

Auditors

FRED G. PARSONS

FREEMAN G. MARSHALL



INVOICE OF PROPERTY.

162 polls,	
Real estate,	\$510,165.00
289 horses,	30,910.00
784 cows,	59,215.00
191 neat stock,	11,305.00
78 sheep,	1,085.00
32 hogs,	775.00
32 automobiles,	6,550.00
Wood and lumber,	11,720.00
Stock in trade,	6,500.00
Mills,	3,500.00
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	\$641,725.00



TAXES ASSESSED.

State tax,	\$2,142.00
State tax special,	476.00
County tax,	1,251.84
Highways and bridges,	2,000.00
Winter roads,	500.00
Permanent repairs highways,	955.50
Trunk line construction,	955.50
Trunk line maintenance,	720.00
State aid road maintenance,	50.00
Support of poor,	300.00
Public library,	30.00
Town charges,	500.00
Snow roller,	75.00
Electric lights,	100.00
Schools:	
Tuition,	825.00
Officers' salaries,	100.00
School debt,	800.00
\$2 for each pupil,	300.00
\$5 on each thousand valuation,	3,208.62
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	\$15,289.46
Add less than 5%,	600.00
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	\$15,889.46
Tax rate, \$2.40,	

RECEIPTS.

From Local Taxes.

1. Property and poll taxes, current year,	\$15,507.09
2. Uncollected taxes for previous years,	30.61

From the State.

3. Highways:	
(a) State aid construction,	383.13
(b) State aid maintenance,	925.00
(c) State aid construction,	3,250.00
State aid construction, M. C. R. R.,	1,500.00
5. Railroad tax,	218.04
6. Savings bank tax,	103.08
9. State aid for education,	300.00
10. Fighting forest fires,	9.00

From Local Sources Except Taxes.

14. Dog taxes,	114.60
17. Rent of town hall,	50.00
26. Temporary loan,	6,000.00
34. Harris Gray, overpaid on highway, 1919,	300.00
35. Old road machine,	10.00
Cash on hand at beginning of year,	280.44

Total,	<u>\$28,980.99</u>
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PAYMENTS.
CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES.

1.	Town officers' salaries,	\$ 537.00
2.	Town officers' expenses,	122.90
5.	Expense of town hall,	115.85

Protection of Property.

7.	Forest fires,	20.00
8.	Bounties,	14.80

Health.

12.	Vital statistics, G. R. Woodard,	4.20
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Highways and Bridges.

14.	State aid maintenance,	99.00
15.	Trunk line maintenance,	1,988.54
16.	Town maintenance,	1,751.00
17.	Town maintenance, winter roads,	270.83

Libraries.

19.	Library,	53.00
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Charities.

20.	Town poor,	209.93
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Public Service Enterprises.

27.	Cemeteries,	12.00
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Unclassified.

28.	Damage, E. E. Owens, to automobile,	15.00
32.	Interest on temporary loans,	108.19
36.	State aid construction,	1,426.20
37.	Trunk line construction,	7,675.99
44.	Paid temporary loans,	4,000.00
50.	State tax,	2,618.00
51.	County tax,	1,251.84
53.	School district,	6,203.11
54.	Miscellaneous,	110.85

\$28,608.23

DETAILS OF PAYMENTS.

1.	Anson Wallace, supervisor,	\$21.00	
	Frank Hodge, supervisor,	21.00	
	M. M. Cass, supervisor,	21.00	
	George Parkhurst, moderator,	2.00	
	Erwin Fitts, selectman,	85.00	
	Lynn Gray, selectman,	80.00	
	A. B. Frizzell, selectman,	80.00	
	G. R. Woodard, town clerk & treasurer,	85.00	
	Wayne Parkhurst, janitor,	15.00	
	Austin Gray, collector,	85.00	
	Austin Gray, dog constable,	15.00	
	John Gray, selectman, 1919.	12.00	
	E. U. Sims, selectman, 1919,	10.00	
	George Parkhurst, surveyor,	5.00	
			\$537.00
2.	O. H. Chase, auto book for town clerk,	\$ 1.75	
	E. C. Eastman, books and supplies,	16.60	
	Eugene Jordan, exploring land,	4.00	
	G. R. Woodard, postage, etc.,	12.75	
	Austin Gray, expense to Manchester,	22.50	
	A. B. Frizzell, expense to Manchester,	20.00	
	Erwin Fitts, expense to Manchester,	22.50	
	Lynn M. Gray, expense to Lancaster,	2.70	
	A. B. Frizzell, expense to Lancaster,	2.70	
	Erwin Fitts, expense to Lancaster,	2.40	
	H. J. Holden, retainer fee,	15.00	
			\$122.49
5.	A. J. Wiswell, installing electric lights,	\$90.00	
	W. F. Allen Co., electric lights,	9.20	
	Albion Parkhurst, wood,	2.50	
	Wayne Parkhurst, supplies,	14.15	
			\$115.85
7.	Seth Bunnell, fire warden,	\$14.00	
	Eugene Jordan, fire warden,	6.00	
			\$20.00
9.	Raymond Hyde, bounty on two bears,	\$10.00	
	Erwin Fitts, bounty on hedgehogs,	4.80	
			\$14.80
14.	Lynn M. Gray, highway agent,	\$99.00	
			\$99.00
15.	Erwin Fitts, highway agent,	\$1,000.00	
	E. U. Sims, highway agent,	988.54	
			\$1,988.54

16.	Carl Keach, surveyor,	\$588.25	
	I. A. French, surveyor,	575.00	
	John R. Jackson, surveyor,	522.29	
	North East Metal Culvert Co., culverts,	37.46	
	Seth Bunnell, labor,	3.00	
	Fred Blodgett, labor,	9.00	
	Wm. H. Osgood, labor,	8.00	
	Wm. Gray, water box, two years,	4.00	
	M. H. Gray, water box,	2.00	
	John M. Wright, water box,	2.00	
		<hr/>	\$1,751.00
17.	F. S. Prince, labor,	\$45.33	
	E. E. Colby, labor,	16.50	
	Harris Gray, labor,	7.00	
	Fred Blodgett, labor,	7.00	
	John R. Jackson, labor,	16.50	
	Austin Gray, labor,	18.00	
	<i>Winter Roads.</i>		
	Carl Keach, labor,	33.25	
	Bernie Gray, labor,	4.50	
	Lovell Oakes, labor,	32.25	
	Seth Bunnell, labor,	6.00	
	E. U. Sims, labor,	70.00	
	Frank Chandler, labor,	9.50	
	Morris Cass, labor,	5.00	
		<hr/>	\$270.83
19.	May Luey, services,	\$35.00	
	May Luey, rent,	18.00	
		<hr/>	\$53.00
20.	Lombard Bros., Coates family, supplies,	\$10.35	
	Austin Baker, Coates family, doing chores,	26.25	
	Miss S. A. Madden, Coates family, nurse,	40.00	
	Bernie Gray, Coates family, wood,	20.00	
	W. W. Kerr, M. D., Coates family, physician,	52.25	
	D. Stevens & Co., Coates family, bedding,	9.70	
	P. L. Gleason, Chase and Howe, supplies, 1918,	51.38	
		<hr/>	\$209.93
27.	M. H. Gray, mowing cemetery,	\$6.00	
	Lynn M. Gray, mowing cemetery,	6.00	
		<hr/>	\$12.00

36.	A. B. Frizzell, highway agent,	\$1,119.00	
	Harris Gray, highway agent,	52.10	
	Carl Keach, highway agent,	50.00	
	Lynn M. Gray, highway agent,	205.10	
		<hr/>	\$1,426.20
37.	E. L. Gay, land damage,	\$ 422.50	
	J. C. Hutchins, land damage,	102.50	
	L. D. Ripley, deed to Gay,	4.50	
	Erwin Fitts, highway agent,	7,146.49	
		<hr/>	\$7,675.99
54.	Austin Gray,	\$ 3.25	
	T. H. VanDyke Est., abatement of		
	taxes, 1919,	36.50	
	Seth Bunnell, abatement of taxes, 1919,	9.60	
	Colebrook <i>Sentinel</i> , print'g town rep'ts,	61.50	
		<hr/>	\$110.85

STANDING OF THE TOWN.

Due from State on highways, Jan. 31, 1920,	\$2,296.84
Uncollected taxes,	54.70
Cash in treasurer's hands,	393.76
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	\$2,745.30

Less:

Note,	\$2,000.00
Unpaid order,	21.00
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	\$2,021.00

Assets above liabilities, \$ 724.30

I. A. FRENCH, ROAD AGENT, RECEIVED OF TOWN OF COLUMBIA.

Paid, May, 1919.

17.	B. F. Bennett and 4 horses,	\$ 60.00
17.	Ford E. French,	3.00
24.	Ford E. French,	18.00
28.	Everett Hanks,	15.00

June.

7.	M. C. R. R., freight on culvert,	1.07
12.	Mrs. Lyman Hicks (I. A. French),	8.00
12.	Lester Harding,	9.00
14.	James Colby,	18.30
16.	Fred Cunningham,	23.30
16.	E. E. Barnett,	18.00
16.	Everett Hanks,	3.00
18.	B. F. Bennett and 4 horses,	73.00

20. I. A. French,	70.00
21. Ford E. French,	10.50
28. M. G. Barnett,	21.00
28. George R. Brown,	19.50
July.	
16. Ford E. French,	4.50
28. John Wright,	6.00
August.	
16. Hollis Sweatt,	3.00
16. W. F. Barnett, snow bill, 1919,	2.00
21. Carrie E. French, for I. A. French,	10.00
23. Ford E. French,	6.00
23. B. F. Bennett, I. A. French,	5.00
Sept.	
20. W. H. Ashe, repairing road machine,	7.00
26. G. W. Brown,	4.00
Dec.	
3. Ford E. French,	3.00
9. F. J. Cunningham,	8.70
9. H. N. Cone, plank,	11.37
10. Austin Gray, for I. A. French,	77.40
Balance due I. A. French,	24.87
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	\$543.51

Winter Roads, Paid.

Jan., 1920.	
4. I. A. French, cutting ice,	2.00
13. I. A. French and man, cutting ice,	5.00
15. I. A. French and man, cutting ice,	5.00
17. I. A. French and man cutting ice,	5.00
17. M. G. Barnett and man, cutting ice,	4.00
17. Prescott Whiting, cutting ice,	2.00
Feb.	
I. A. French, team and man,	8.50
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	\$31.50

CARL KEACH IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF COLUMBIA.

DR.	
Henry Greer, labor on highway,	\$ 24.00
Earl Keach, labor on highway,	73.75
Earl Keach, plank for highway,	2.00
Charles Marshall, labor on highway,	1.50
James Kelsea, labor on highway,	51.00
Thomas Pinkney, labor on highway,	10.50

Thomas Pinkney, gravel,	2.00
Thomas Pinkney, damage,	1.00
M. M. Cass, labor on highway,	3.00
Charles Gadwah, labor on highway,	31.50
Harley Gadwah, labor on highway,	10.00
Leslie Gadwah, labor on highway,	24.00
Lynn Gray, labor on highway,	43.50
Lynn Gray, cedar,	2.00
Sam Weeks, labor on highway,	7.00
Thomas Haney, labor on highway,	1.50
Carl Keach, labor on highway,	267.00
Carl Keach, plank,	2.00
Carl Keach, gravel,	16.00
Carl Keach, use of tools,	15.00
Carl Keach, winter roads,	33.25
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	\$588.25

REPAIRING ROADS, APRIL AND MAY.

J. R. Jackson, man and team, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	\$15.00
J. R. Jackson, man and team, 8 hours,	7.20
J. R. Jackson, man, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	7.50
Willie Bergeron, $3\frac{3}{4}$ days,	11.25
Joseph Bergeron, $1\frac{3}{4}$ days,	5.25
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	\$46.20

LABOR ON ROADS, JUNE AND JULY.

Austin Baker, $\frac{2}{3}$ day,	\$ 2.00
Willard Tibbetts, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	4.50
Andrew Jackson, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days,	10.50
Andrew Jackson, man and team, 1 day,	6.00
E. E. Colby, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	1.50
E. E. Colby and team, 3 days,	18.00
Charlie Jackson, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days,	13.50
Guy Springer, $9\frac{1}{2}$ days,	28.50
Bernie Gray, 2 days,	6.00
Bernie Gray and man, 3 days,	18.00
S. A. Weeks, on road machine, 8 days,	29.75
Ned Gray and team, 8 days,	48.00

F. S. Prince, housing roller, getting road machine,	3.00
F. S. Prince and team on machine, 8½ days,	55.25
F. S. Prince, man, 2 days,	6.00
M. M. Carr and horses, 1 day,	6.00
J. R. Jackson, road agent, 9½ days,	38.00
J. R. Jackson, men and teams, 22 days,	66.10
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	\$360.60

SEPT. WORK ON ROAD.

J. R. Jackson and man, 1 day,	\$ 6.00
J. R. Jackson and team, 1 day,	9.00
Andrew Jackson, cutting bushes, 19 days,	57.00
J. R. Jackson, 2 men, 2 days, repairing culvert and road,	12.00
J. R. Jackson, pr. horses, 1 day,	3.00
J. R. Jackson, 2 axe handles,	1.15
J. R. Jackson, 784 ft. road plank, @ \$35,	27.34
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	\$115.49

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Columbia, in the County of Coos, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said Town of Columbia, on Tuesday, the ninth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose by ballot and major vote a town clerk for the year ensuing.
2. To choose by ballot and major vote three selectmen for the year ensuing.
3. To choose all other necessary town officers and agents for the year ensuing.
4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance of the poor.
5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the repair of highways and bridges.
6. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the building and maintenance of State roads.
7. To see what sum of money the town will raise for public library.
8. To see what sum of money the town will raise for town charges.
9. To see what action the town will take regarding the Valley bridge and to raise money for that purpose.
10. To see if the town will authorize the first selectman to deed the old schoolhouse lot in District No. 4 to Edward Gay.
11. To see if the town will vote to make additions and repairs to the Town Hall, and to raise money for that purpose.
12. To see if the town will vote to give a discount on taxes paid on or before a certain date.
13. To hear the report of agents, auditors or officers heretofore elected and to pass any vote relating thereto.

Given under our hands and seal, this 23rd day of February, 1920.

ERWIN FITTS,
LYNN M. GRAY,
ALPHEUS B. FRIZZELL,
Selectmen of Columbia.

A true copy, ATTEST:

ERWIN FITTS,
LYNN M. GRAY,
ALPHEUS B. FRIZZELL,
Selectmen of Columbia.

LIBRARY REPORT.

Feb., 1919, cash on hand,	\$32.61	
Book fees,	2.12	
	<hr/>	\$34.73
Paid for books,	\$31.60	
Paid for binding,	2.27	
Cash on hand,	.86	
	<hr/>	\$34.73



Births Registered in the Town of Columbia, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1919.

Place of Birth

Date of Birth

1919

Jan. 17
May 25
Feb. 27
July 18
Aug. 7
Aug. 9
Aug. 10
Sept. 1
Nov. 19

Name of Child if any

H Kenneth L. Kenney
N Stanley T. Stoddard
Z Darwin R. Cunningham
G Leroy L. Harding
G Marion L. Frizzell
H Lizzie Maud Sweatt
H Francis W. Bunnell
O Geraldine E. Harding
O Ralph Everett Hanks

Male

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Female

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No. Children Living Stillborn

3 2 7 1 5 7 1 1 3

Name of Father

W Guy O. Kenney
W Carrol T. Stoddard
W Fred J. Cunningham
W Lester J. Harding
W Alpheus B. Frizzell
W Hollis Sweatt
W Jesse D. Bunnell
W Gerald G. Harding
W Everett Hanks

Maiden Name of Mother

Elsie A. Richardson
Louise Frizzell
Martha A. Dirth
Catherine E. Martin
Nettie Bessie Amey
Josephine D. Lovering
Ethel M. Brown
Ruth E. Blodgett

Residence of Parents

W Columbia
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Occupation of Father

Farmer
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Farmer

Birthplace of Father

Canada
Columbia, N. H.
New York
Columbia, N. H.
Canaan, Vt.
Columbia, N. H.
Columbia, N. H.
Pittsburg, N. H.
Stratford, N. H.

Birthplace of Mother

Colebrook, N. H.
Canaan, Vt.
W. Stewartstown, N. H.
Clarksville, N. H.
Columbia, N. H.
Stratford, N. H.
Clarksville, N. H.
Pittsburg, N. H.
St. Johnsbury, Vt.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GARDNER R. WOODARD, Town Clerk.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Columbia, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1919.

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age Yrs. Mos. Dys.	Place of Birth.	Sex and Condition.	Single or Married or Wid.	Occupation.	Place of Birth.	Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
1919										
Feb. 6	*Frances Mabel Uram	3 7	Columbia	F	S	None	Columbia, N. H.	Evansville, Vt.	Frank Uram	Jessie Page
Mar. 14	*Mary A. Hammond	11 3	Columbia	F	W	Housekeeper	Columbia, N. H.	Columbia, N. H.	Josia A. Atherton	Mary A. Lewis

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GARDNER R. WOODARD, Town Clerk.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Columbia, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1919.

Date	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age.	Color.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation	Marriages	No. Official Station of Person by whom Married.
Jan. 20	*Harold E. Annis	Columbia, N. H.	28	W	Auto Mechanic	Columbia, N. H.	Elmer G. Annis Abbie E. Weston	Columbia, N. H. Hereford, P. O.	Farmer Housework	2d	D A. J. Holley
May 24	Marion E. Ramsay	Lemington, Vt.	19	W	Housework	Lemington, Vt.	George Ramsay Mamie Burbank	Lemington, Vt. Bloomfield, Vt.	Farmer Housework	1st	Lancaster, N. H. Clergyman
May 24	†Jesse L. Cass	Columbia, N. H.	31	W	Farmer	Columbia, N. H.	Maurice M. Cass Jane Hartford	Canada Columbia, N. H.	Farmer Housewife	S	George L. Wood
May 11	Lillian N. Coats	Columbia, N. H.	19	W	Housework	Colebrook, N. H.	George D. Coats May R. Byron	Colebrook, N. H. Canada	Farmer Housewife	2d	Stewartstown, N. H.
May 11	§Benj. W. Graper	Columbia, N. H.	23	W	Farmer	Columbia, N. H.	Lee W. Graper Nettie Bunnell	Colebrook, N. H. Lisbon, N. H.	Farmer Housework	1st	Justice of the Peace
Oct. 16	Clara D. Brooks	Lisbon, N. H.	18	W	Housework	Lisbon, N. H.	William Brooks Sophia Sauts	Colebrook, N. H. Lisbon, N. H.	Cook Millwork	S	Arthur C. Aldrich
Oct. 16	¶Archie L. Parker	Columbia, N. H.	24	W	Farmer	Beebe Plains, P. O.	Prosper Parker Mary Tibbitts	Canada Canada	Farmer Housework	1st	Justice of the Peace
Sept. 12	Alice Callivitz	Pethlehem, N. H.	24	W	Table Waitress	Providence, R. I.	Wm. Callivitz Maud Chelsea	Providence, R. I. Pennsylvania	Farmer Housework	S	W. R. Pierce
Sept. 12	xEverett Wiswell	Colebrook, N. H.	30	W	Farmer	Clarksville, N. H.	Charles W. Wiswell Augusta M. Fletcher	Clarksville, N. H. Stewartstown, N. H.	Farmer Housework	1st	Colebrook, N. H.
Nov. 27	Elva T. Martin	Columbia, N. H.	28	W	Housework	Columbia, N. H.	Mary E. Libby Elwin R. Trask	Bath, N. H. Columbia, N. H.	Farmer Housework	1st	Fred Bannister
Nov. 27	¶Orville L. Trask	Columbia, N. H.	32	W	Farmer	Clarksville, N. H.	Louise Carpenter David Clark	Lemington, Vt. Stewartstown, N. H.	Farmer Housework	1st	Colebrook, N. H.
	Blanche Clark	Columbia, N. H.	34	W	Housework	Lemington, Vt.	Jennie Plunket Northumberland, N. H.	Lemington, Vt. Quebec	Farmer Housework	1st	Clergyman

* Married at Lancaster, N. H. † Married at Stewartstown, N. H. § Married at Colebrook, N. H. ¶ Married at Colebrook, N. H. x Married at Columbia, N. H.

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GARDNER R. WOODARD, Town Clerk.

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